

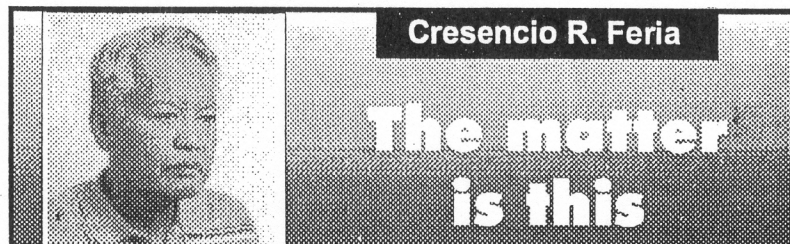
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Filner, others thanked for complete bus service

The seniors who last year requested Congressman Bob Filner (50th District) to endorse their request for Saturday and Sunday bus service on MTS Routes 961 and 962 made through this column are highly appreciating and sincerely thanking the congressman for the new Saturday bus service that started last month of September on Route 961.

The operation is tryout in nature up to December, according to some sources. On Route 962, there is no Saturday nor Sunday service yet. Route 961 operates between Deep Dell, San Diego, and Plaza Bonita Center, National City, while Route 962 serves Deep Dell and Highland Avenue, National City, via 16th Street.

Through Paradise Hills Collaborative, the seniors requested MTS Routes 961 and 962 some years ago under the initiation of Laureto Bautista and Sonny Atienza.

Also thanked very sincerely are the Metropolitan Transit Development Board (MTDB) under Chairman Leon Williams, National City Mayor Geo Water, San Diego Mayor Dick Murphy, and all those who, in one way or another, have helped in the installation of the Saturday Route 961 operation.

Expressing their thanks and gratitude include Sonny Atienza, Laureto Bautista, Alfredo Gorospe, Victoriano Nieva, Lorenz Real, Paul de Mesa, Briccio Concepcion,

Froilan Cecogo, David Esquig, Gilda Lumibao, Col. Eleazer Delfin (retired), Diomedes Martinez, Alfredo Ignacio, Nenette Ignacio, Leonardo Eclevia and Emilio Pacheco.

The then reply of Congressman Filner to the requesting seniors upon his endorsement of their entreaty follows:

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
October 5, 2001

Cresencio R. Feria
San Diego, CA 92139
Dear Cresencio:

Thank you for contacting me about your request for assistance.

I have contacted the Metropolitan Transit Development Board and requested that they immediately look into your request. As soon as I receive their response, I will be back in touch with you.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please call me or Manny Doria of my staff at (619) 422-5963.

I look forward to working with you to resolve this matter.

Sincerely,
(Sgd.) Bob Filner
Member of Congress

Receiving the reply of the MTD Board, Congressman Filner wrote this second letter: Dear Cresencio:

I recently received the enclosed reply from Leon Williams, Chairman of the Metropolitan Transit Development Board (MTDB), in response to

my inquiry regarding your request for Saturday and Sunday bus service on Routes 961 and 962.

As you can see, Mr. Williams indicates that MTDB is currently experiencing significant funding and budget constraints. However, he also indicates that your request will be subject to review and approval by the MTD Board of Directors if funding is available in Fiscal year 2003.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me or Manny Doria of my staff at (619) 422-5963.

Sincerely,
(Sgd.) Bob Filner
Member of Congress

Recognizing the promptness and sincerity of Congressman Filner, the seniors say that their imploration now for the operation on Sunday of Route 961 and on Saturday and Sunday of Route 962 will surely be realized.

They also wish for a bus stop between Euclid St. and Highland Ave. at 16th St. to have access to the Grove St. - Plaza Blvd. business establishments, like McDonald, Popeye's, Manila Seafood, etc.

Congressman Filner, the seniors conclude, is a man who combines zeal and enthusiasm, vibrancy and action for positive results. Brilliant in the halls of Congress, Congressman Filner is also brilliant among his constituents.